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Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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on the current issue raised by the Delegation of Georgia

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the current issue under consideration, the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan would like to reiterate that Azerbaijan supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders.

This situation demonstrates urgent necessity to redouble efforts by the OSCE and its participating States to restore respect for these fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act.

We are of strong view that existing conflicts in the OSCE area must be exclusively solved on the basis of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders of the affected OSCE participating States.

Finally, I wish to recall that Azerbaijan and Georgia are partners in many projects of geo-strategic significance in the region. One of them is the Southern Gas Corridor delivering natural gas from Azerbaijan to the European market. These projects fully correspond to national interests of Azerbaijan and Georgia alike, and serve to its development.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.